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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on 7/2/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has not distinctly and specifically pointed out the supposed errors in the examiner's action including arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims. Applicant merely asserts that the rejection under § 102(a) is incorrect and does not provide any specific arguments of why it does not apply to the newly submitted claims, for example. Applicant merely asserts that the newly submitted claims overcome the rejections of record without providing any specific reasons. Applicant is required to provide a proper response as required under §1.111(b), reproduced (with emphasis added) below, in order to provide a full and clear record. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

**§ 1.111 Reply by applicant or patent owner to a non-final Office action.**

(b) In order to be entitled to reconsideration or further examination, the applicant or patent owner must reply to the Office action. The reply by the applicant or patent owner must be reduced to a writing which distinctly and specifically points out the supposed errors in the examiner's action and must

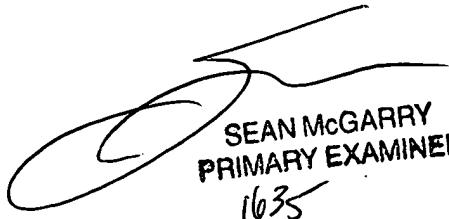
reply to every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action. **The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references.** If the reply is with respect to an application, a request may be made that objections or requirements as to form not necessary to further consideration of the claims be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated. The applicant's or patent owner's reply must appear throughout to be a bona fide attempt to advance the application or the reexamination proceeding to final action. **A general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section.**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sean R McGarry whose telephone number is (703)305-7028. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John LeGuyader can be reached on (703) 308-0447. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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